

JAMES SWEETMAN

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 457.]

MAY 26, 1842.

Mr. Doan, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

### REPORT:

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of James Sweetman, report :*

That it appears, from a letter from the Commissioner of Pensions, that this claim has been rejected at the Pension office, upon the ground that it does not appear by the rolls that petitioner was wounded in the service of the United States, in which case the testimony of some commissioned officer is necessary to sustain the claim for a pension.

The petitioner certifies, on oath, that he enlisted in the service of the United States, on the 2d day of January, 1813, for during the war ; that he belonged to Captain Brown's company of the 23d regiment ; that he was in the battle at Fort Erie, on the 17th day of September, 1814, and was there wounded in the right leg by a musket ball : the ball entered on the outside of the leg and was finally extracted from the opposite side.

Captain Brown and the colonel of the regiment are dead—also Dr. Tuttle, who was the surgeon. The petitioner further says he is rendered totally unable to perform manual labor from the wound in the leg.

Two physicians, who are certified to be respectable in their profession, say they have examined petitioner's leg, and find a large sore, which, in their opinion, was caused by a gun-shot wound in the leg, and which injured the bone ; that the ball appears to have entered the leg on the outside, and to have been removed from the inside of the leg : they say his disability is total.

Reuben Rounds says, upon his oath, that he was a private soldier, and belonged to the same regiment with petitioner ; knows that petitioner was in the battle at Fort Erie, and was wounded as stated in his declaration. In further proof that petitioner was in the service of the United States, as he alleges, is found among the papers a warrant for a quarter section of land granted to petitioner by the Government for services as a soldier in Captain Brown's company, 20th regiment of infantry.

The Hon. Lewis Riggs, a member of the House of Representatives from the State of New York, certifies, under oath, that he has been acquainted with the petitioner, James Sweetman, for the last 22 years ; that, during his acquaintance with said Sweetman, he has often examined his leg, has no doubt of his having been wounded as above stated, and, as a

physician, he fully corroborates the statements of Drs. Shipman and Havens; and further says that the petitioner and Reuben Rounds are entitled to full credit for truth and veracity: he also certifies to the credibility of the physicians above named.

The committee are of the opinion that petitioner sustains his claim to a pension, and report a bill for his relief, at \$8 per month, from and after the 21st day of February, 1842.

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Mr. Davis, Clerk of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

## REPORT

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of James Sweetman, report:

That it appears from a letter from the Commissioner of Pensions, that no record has been kept at the Pension Office, upon the ground that it does not appear by the rolls that petitioner was wounded in the service of the United States, in a case the testimony of some commissioned

officers is necessary to sustain the claim for a pension. The petitioner certifies on oath that he enlisted in the service of the United States, on the 24 day of January, 1812, for during the war, that he belonged to Captain Brown's company of the 25th regiment, and was at the battle of Fort Erie, on the 13 day of September, 1814, and was wounded in the right leg by a musket ball: the ball entered on the outside of the leg and was finally expelled from the opposite side.

Captain Brown, and the colonel of the regiment are dead: also Dr. Smith, who was the surgeon. The petitioner further says he is rendered

unable to perform manual labor from the wound in the leg. The physicians, who are certified to be respectable in Westchester, say they have examined petitioner's leg, and find a large sore, which, in their opinion, was caused by a gun-shot wound in the leg, and a thick inflammation, that the ball appears to have entered the leg on the outside of the knee, that the ball appears to have entered the leg on the outside of the knee, that the ball appears to have entered the leg on the outside of the knee, that the ball appears to have entered the leg on the outside of the knee.

Reuben Rounds says, upon his oath, that he was a private soldier, and belonged to the same regiment with petitioner; knows that petitioner was at the battle of Fort Erie, and was wounded as stated in his declaration. In further proof that petitioner was in the service of the United States, as alleged, is found among the papers a warrant for a quarter section of land granted to petitioner by the Government for services as a soldier in Captain Brown's company, 25th regiment of infantry.

The Hon. Lewis Ricks, a member of the House of Representatives from the State of New York, certifies, under oath, that he has been associated with the petitioner, James Sweetman, for the last 32 years; that during his acquaintance with said Sweetman, he has often examined his leg, and has no doubt of his having been wounded as above stated, and, as a